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FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Mass. State Racing Commission

FOR THE

Year Ending November 30, 1939



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## MASS. STATE RACING COMMISSION

December 1, 1939.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

Pursuant to the provisions of section two of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1934 and section nine of Chapter 499 of the Acts of 1939, the State Racing Commission respectfully submits its Fifth Annual Report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939.

### COMMISSION

The Commission during the past year consisted of:

Charles F. Connors of Brighton, Chairman, reappointed to a three-year term by Governor Charles F. Hurley on December 1st, 1938 and confirmed by the Executive Council on December 8th, 1938.

James G. Moran of Mansfield. Resigned as a member of the Commission on December 7th, 1938.

George G. Moyse of Waltham. Appointed by Governor Charles F. Hurley and confirmed by the Executive Council on December 8th, 1938 to fill the unexpired term of James G. Moran. Resigned as a member of the Commission on January 7th, 1939.

Thomas F. Cassidy of Cheshire. Resigned as a member of the Commission on December 15th, 1938.

Thomas R. Foley of Brighton. Appointed by Governor Charles F. Hurley and confirmed by the Executive Council on December 16th, 1938 to fill the unexpired term of Thomas F. Cassidy. Resigned as a member of the Commission on January 10th, 1939.

Harold W. Pierce of Milton. Appointed by Governor Leverett Saltonstall on January 11th, 1939 and confirmed by the Executive Council on January 18th, 1939, to fill the unexpired term of George G. Moyse.

Harold R. Allen of Brockton. Appointed by Governor Leverett Saltonstall on January 11th, 1939 and confirmed by the Executive Council on January 18th, 1939 to fill the unexpired term of Thomas R. Foley.

### SUPERVISION

Rules, regulations and conditions governing all horse and dog race meetings were prescribed by the Commission in accordance with section nine of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws.

The same system of strict supervision of each department at the tracks was followed during the past year.



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The pari-mutuel department at each meeting had the constant attention of the Commission. Each and every transaction was audited at the track and again re-audited at the office of the Commission to assure the public and the Commonwealth receiving their respective share in accordance with Chapter 128-A of the General Laws.

To enable the Commission to enforce rulings, trainers, jockeys and agents at horse tracks and owners and trainers at dog tracks were licensed. Colors, assumed names, partnerships, minor agreements, etc. were registered by the Commission. Through this system of licenses and registrations a definite record of all persons participating in the racing is available to the Commission at all times. A nominal charge is made for each of these licenses and registrations, consistent with the charge made by other States. During the year of 1939 a sum of \$5,590.00 was realized from this source. The Commission has found this method to be most effective in supervising this particular department of racing.

During the year of 1939 a total of 530 saliva samples were taken. These samples were from 426 different horses at meetings in Massachusetts. A total of 333 samples were analyzed. These analyses covered 274 different horses racing in Massachusetts.

One sample was found to contain caffeine. The trainer of this horse was suspended by the Commission on May 31st, 1939 from all racing for the remainder of the meeting at Suffolk Downs and the owner was deprived of the purse in the race, the horse having been a winner.

#### "BREAKAGE"

As a result of a decision rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court in the case of Feeney vs. Eastern Racing Association, Inc. involving the method used in determining "breakage" in accordance with section five, Chapter 128-A of the General Laws, the various associations were notified on August 9th, 1939 that "breakage" must be determined in accordance with the decision rendered. The method followed previous to this decision had been to use the basis of each dollar of winnings payable to the bettor. The Court held that the basis should be the denomination of the ticket and that the odd cents could not be deducted on each dollar wagered—but on each ticket.

The Commission caused to be filed with the Legislature a bill clarifying the section defining "breakage" in order that the method of computation in Massachusetts would conform with that used at pari-mutuel tracks throughout the country. As a result, Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1939 was passed by both branches of the Legislature and signed by His Excellency, Governor Leverett Saltonstall on Saturday, August 12th, 1939, at 11:45 P.M. This law became effective immediately and was in operation at the tracks on Monday, August 14th, 1939.

Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1939 amending section five of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws, defining "breakage" now reads as follows:

"One half of the odd cents over any multiple of ten cents of winnings per dollar wagered shall be retained by the licensee and one half shall be paid to the Commission, on the day following each day of a horse or dog racing meeting. Such odd cents shall in this chapter be called the 'breaks'."

#### DOG RACING TAX

Chapter 473 of the Acts of 1939 was passed by the Legislature and signed by His Excellency, Governor Leverett Saltonstall on Saturday, August 12th, 1939, at 5:36 P.M. Associations operating on that date were notified of the passage of the law which became effective at once.

This new act amends paragraph three, section five of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws to provide that each Association licensed by the Commission to conduct a dog racing meeting (except at State or County Fairs) shall pay



to the Commission a sum equal to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  of all amounts wagered to \$75,000.00; 5% of all sums from \$75,000.00 to \$110,000.00; 6% of all sums from \$110,000.00 to \$140,000.00; and 7% of all sums over \$140,000.00 wagered per day. This section had previously provided that each Association pay a sum equal to  $3\frac{1}{2}\%$  of the total amount wagered each day.

This new scale, as shown above, was in effect during thirty-three days of the Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc. meeting and amounted to an increase of \$43,843.27. At the meeting of the Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc. the increased tax amounted to \$1,523.81 for seven days.

#### OTHER LEGISLATION

During the past year, the following new legislation, in addition to the above, was passed:

Chapter 129, Acts of 1939: Amends Section 13-A of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws to provide that before the Mayor and Aldermen or Selectmen of a city or town can approve the location of a horse or dog track in accordance with this section, after due notice as prescribed, a public hearing must be held.

Chapter 356, Acts of 1939: Amends Section four of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws to clarify the last paragraph and provides that "No license fee for the privilege of holding or conducting a horse or dog racing meeting, or for any other purpose peculiarly incidental to the holding or conducting of such a meeting, shall be imposed upon or collected from such a licensee by any city or town."

Chapter 505, Acts of 1939, Section 1: Amends section three, paragraph three, Chapter 128-A of the General Laws to provide that dog racing meetings may be held between April 18th and October 31st, both dates inclusive, in any year; provided that the Commission shall order the suspension of a dog racing meeting, except one held in connection with a state or county fair, during any week, between the fifteenth day of August and the thirtieth day of September, both dates inclusive, in which a state or county fair is to be conducted by an incorporated agricultural or horticultural society within fifty miles of such racing meeting if, on or before the fifteenth day of April preceding such meeting an affidavit is filed with the Commission by the officers of such society stating that in their belief such dog racing meeting will be in competition with said fair.

Chapter 505, Acts of 1939, Section 2: Amends paragraph i, section three of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws to provide that no dog racing meeting shall be licensed by the Commission on a racing strip less than three-sixteenths of a mile for outdoor tracks and one-fifth of a mile for indoor tracks.

Chapter 505, Acts of 1939, section 3: Provided for the carrying out of section one of Chapter 505 of the Acts of 1939 during the current year (1939) by providing that affidavits must be filed "on or before the fifteenth day of August."

Affidavits were filed by the following in accordance with this section:

Brockton Fair, for the period of September 10th to September 16th, inclusive.

Plymouth County Agricultural Society, for the date of their Fair, September 4th, 1939.

Essex Agricultural Society (Topsfield Fair) for the week beginning September 3rd, 1939.

#### REFERENDUM

In accordance with section fourteen of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws the question of pari-mutuel horse and dog racing was submitted to the voters of each county in the Commonwealth at the State Election held on November 8th, 1938.

As a result of this referendum, a majority of the voters of the following counties favored licensed horse racing with the pari-mutuel system of wagering:



Barnstable, Bristol, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk.

A majority of the voters of the following counties favored licensed dog racing with the pari-mutuel system of wagering: Bristol, Plymouth, Nantucket and Suffolk.

During the years 1935 to 1938 inclusive, licenses were granted to conduct running horse racing meetings at Agawam and dog racing meetings at West Springfield, both in Hampden County. By vote of the referendum in November, 1938, horse and dog racing with the pari-mutuel system of betting is not allowable in this county.

During 1938 the Commission allotted thirty-three days of running horse racing at Agawam, fifty days of dog racing at West Springfield and ten days of Grand Circuit harness racing at Agawam.

#### APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND LICENSES GRANTED

During the year of 1939 four applications from two associations were received for licenses to conduct running horse racing meetings. Thirty-four applications were received from eleven associations for licenses to conduct dog racing meetings. Two applications were received from two associations for licenses to conduct running horse racing meetings in connection with Fairs.

Public hearings were held in connection with the above applications at Boston, Revere, Westport, Wareham, Dighton, Norton, Lakeville, Marshfield and Great Barrington, and after due consideration, the following licenses were granted:

#### RUNNING HORSE RACING MEETING

<i>Association</i>	<i>Track</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>
Eastern Racing Association, Inc. at Suffolk Downs, East Boston and Revere	1-mile	May 15th to July 22nd (Both Dates Inclusive)	60

#### RUNNING HORSE RACING MEETINGS

##### AT FAIRS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Track</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>
Marshfield Agricultural and Horticultural Society at Marshfield Fair Grounds, Marshfield	½-mile	August 21st to 26th (Both Dates Inclusive)	6
Barrington Fair Association at Great Barrington	½-mile	October 2nd to 7th (Both Dates Inclusive)	6

#### DOG RACING MEETINGS

<i>Association</i>	<i>Dates</i>	<i>Days</i>
Bay State Greyhound Association, Inc. at Wonderland Park, Revere	(All Dates Inclusive) June 1st to July 22nd	45
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc. at Wonderland Park, Revere	July 24th to August 19th Sept. 18th to October 17th	24 26
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc. at Dighton	June 17th to August 19th	55

A total of 60 days was allotted to running horse racing meetings, as provided by section three, paragraph (f) of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws; a total of 150 days was allotted to dog racing meetings as provided by section three, paragraph (g) of Chapter 128-A of the General Laws; a total of 12 days was allotted to running horse racing meetings at Fairs.

A study of the following tables is self-explanatory:

# RUNNING HORSE RACING MEETING

EASTERN RACING ASSOCIATION, INC.

60 DAYS—MAY 15TH TO JULY 22ND, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE									
		\$100.00		\$50.00		\$10.00		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$1,094,922.00									547461	\$1,094,922.00
Straight	10,893,240.00	3878	\$387,800.00	9889	\$494,450.00	254355	\$2,543,550.00	388464	\$1,942,320.00	2762560	5,525,120.00
Place	5,373,587.00	2138	213,800.00	3165	158,250.00	81815	818,150.00	170847	854,235.00	1664576	3,329,152.00
Show	4,912,580.00	3232	323,200.00	4135	206,750.00	84817	848,170.00	128462	642,310.00	1446075	2,892,150.00
Total	\$22,274,329.00	9248	\$924,800.00	17189	\$859,450.00	420987	\$4,209,870.00	687773	\$3,438,865.00	6420672	\$12,841,344.00

## TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE

Commission	\$779,601.68
Breaks	171,078.02
Association License Fee	24,000.00
Registrations and Licenses	4,213.00
Forfeitures	680.00

Total \$979,572.70

Total Attendance	828,019
Average Daily Attendance	13,800
Average Daily Handle	\$371,238.00

## TOTAL POOLS

Divided as follows:	
Amount Payable to Winning Patrons	\$19,706,921.80
Commission to State	\$779,601.68
Commission to Association	1,447,831.22

TOTAL COMMISSION	2,227,432.90
Breaks to State	\$171,078.02
Breaks to Association	168,896.28

TOTAL BREAKS 339,974.30

DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS \$22,274,329.00



RACING AT FAIRS—RUNNING HORSE RACING MEETING  
MARSHFIELD AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY  
6 DAYS—AUGUST 21ST TO AUGUST 26TH, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE					
		\$10.00		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Straight	\$68,710.00	890	\$8,900.00	2412	\$12,060.00	23875	\$47,750.00
Place	35,341.00	316	3,160.00	979	4,895.00	13643	27,286.00
Show	18,137.00	140	1,400.00	341	1,705.00	7516	15,032.00
Total	\$122,188.00	1346	\$13,460.00	3732	\$18,660.00	45034	\$90,068.00

## \*TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE

Breaks	\$1,035.53
Association License Fee	60.00
Registrations and Licenses	175.00
Forfeitures	10.00

Total \$1,280.53

Total Attendance	24,706
Average Daily Attendance	4,117
Average Daily Handle	\$20,364.00

## TOTAL POOLS

Divided as follows:	\$122,188.00
Amount Payable to Winning Patrons	\$101,801.50
Commission to Association	18,328.20
Breaks to State	\$1,035.53
Breaks to Association	1,022.77

TOTAL BREAKS 2,058.30

DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS \$122,188.00

\*As per Chapter 128-A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1936, the Commonwealth shares only one-half of breaks at State and County Fairs.

RACING AT FAIRS—RUNNING HORSE RACING MEETING  
 THE BARRINGTON FAIR ASSOCIATION  
 6 DAYS—OCTOBER 2ND TO OCTOBER 7TH, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE			
		\$10.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$4,962.00			2481	\$4,962.00
Straight	50,056.00	949	\$9,490.00	20283	40,566.00
Place	30,026.00	398	3,980.00	13023	26,046.00
Show	16,256.00	166	1,660.00	7208	14,596.00
Total	\$101,300.00	1513	\$15,130.00	43085	\$86,170.00
*TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE			TOTAL POOLS		
Breaks		\$911.82	Divided as follows:		\$101,300.00
Association License Fee		60.00	Amount Payable to Winning Patrons		\$84,292.40
Registrations and Licenses		132.00	Commission to Association		15,195.00
Forfeitures		5.00	Breaks to State	\$911.82	
Total		\$1,108.82	Breaks to Association	900.78	
Total Attendance		24,974	TOTAL BREAKS		1,812.60
Average Daily Attendance		4,162	DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS		\$101,300.00
Average Daily Handle		\$16,883.00			

\*As Per Chapter 128-A of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1936, the Commonwealth shares only one-half of breaks at State and County Fairs.



# DOG RACING MEETING

- BAY STATE GREYHOUND ASSOCIATION, INC.

45 DAYS—JUNE 1ST TO JULY 22ND, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE					
		\$10.00		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$373,006.00					186503	\$373,006.00
Straight	3,451,604.00	42947	\$429,470.00	117346	\$586,730.00	1217702	2,435,404.00
Place	1,860,130.00	14596	145,960.00	48166	240,830.00	736670	1,473,340.00
Show	2,064,608.00	17776	177,760.00	56114	280,570.00	803139	1,606,278.00
Total	\$7,749,348.00	75319	\$753,190.00	221626	\$1,108,130.00	2944014	\$5,888,028.00

  

TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE			TOTAL POOLS		
Commission		\$271,227.29	Divided as follows:		\$7,749,348.00
Breaks		53,614.27	Amount Payable to Winning Patrons		\$6,479,788.60
Association License Fee		9,000.00	Commission to State	\$271,227.29	
Registrations and Licenses		675.00	Commission to Association	891,174.91	
Forfeitures		50.00			
Total		\$334,566.56	TOTAL COMMISSION		1,162,402.20
Total Attendance		558,190	Breaks to State	\$53,614.27	
Average Daily Attendance		12,404	Breaks to Association	53,542.93	
Average Daily Handle		\$172,207.00	TOTAL BREAKS		107,157.20
			DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS		\$7,749,348.00

## DOG RACING MEETING

BRISTOL COUNTY KENNEL CLUB, INC.

55 DAYS—JUNE 17TH TO AUGUST 19TH, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE			
		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$247,808.00			123904	\$247,808.00
Straight	1,710,085.00	81779	\$408,895.00	650595	1,301,190.00
Place	1,128,763.00	36255	181,275.00	473744	947,488.00
Show	1,119,966.00	38280	191,400.00	464283	928,566.00
Total	\$4,206,622.00	156314	\$781,570.00	1712526	\$3,425,052.00

  

TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE		TOTAL POOLS	
Commission	\$148,764.58	Divided as follows:	\$4,206,622.00
Breaks	30,105.34	Amount Payable to Winning Patrons	\$3,515,605.30
Association License Fee	11,000.00	Commission to State	\$148,764.58
Registrations and Licenses	330.00	Commission to Association	482,228.72
Underpayments	20.50		
Total	\$190,220.42	TOTAL COMMISSION	630,993.30
Total Attendance	312,513	Breaks to State	\$30,105.34
Average Daily Attendance	5,682	Breaks to Association	29,897.56
Average Daily Handle	\$76,484.00	TOTAL BREAKS	60,002.90
		Underpayments Paid to State	20.50
		DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS	\$4,206,622.00



DOG RACING MEETING  
OLD HARBOR KENNEL CLUB, INC.

24 DAYS—JULY 24TH TO AUGUST 19TH, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE					
		\$10.00		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$207,322.00					103661	\$207,322.00
Straight	1,712,812.00	19710	\$197,100.00	54312	\$271,560.00	622076	1,244,152.00
Place	910,838.00	7080	70,800.00	20692	103,460.00	368289	736,578.00
Show	997,733.00	8794	87,940.00	24853	124,265.00	392764	785,528.00
Total	\$3,828,705.00	35584	\$355,840.00	99857	\$499,285.00	1486790	\$2,973,580.00

  

TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE			TOTAL POOLS		
Commission	\$149,527.17		Divided as follows:		\$3,828,705.00
Breaks	22,013.46		Amount Payable to Winning Patrons		\$3,211,008.80
Association License Fee	4,800.00		Commission to State	\$149,527.17	
Registrations and Licenses	30.00		Commission to Association	424,778.58	
Underpayments	12.00				
Total	\$176,382.63		TOTAL COMMISSION		574,305.75
			Breaks to State	\$22,013.46	
			Breaks to Association	21,364.99	
			TOTAL BREAKS		43,378.45
			Underpayments Paid to State		12.00
			DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS		\$3,828,705.00

DOG RACING MEETING  
OLD HARBOR KENNEL CLUB, INC.

26 DAYS—SEPTEMBER 18TH TO OCTOBER 17TH, 1939 (BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE)

POOLS	AMOUNT	NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD AND VALUE					
		\$10.00		\$5.00		\$2.00	
		No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Daily Double	\$188,472.00					94236	\$188,472.00
Straight	1,625,502.00	20414	\$204,140.00	59234	\$296,170.00	562596	1,125,192.00
Place	780,629.00	6946	69,460.00	21535	107,675.00	301747	603,494.00
Show	766,701.00	8450	84,500.00	22087	110,435.00	285883	571,766.00
Total	\$3,361,304.00	35810	\$358,100.00	102856	\$514,280.00	1244462	\$2,488,924.00

  

TOTAL REVENUE TO STATE				TOTAL POOLS		\$3,361,304.00
Commission		\$145,966.42		Divided as follows:		
Breaks		21,214.46		Amount Payable to Winning Patrons		2,816,835.40
Association License Fee		5,200.00		Commission to State	\$145,966.42	
Registrations and Licenses		35.00		Commission to Association	358,229.18	
Total		\$172,415.88		TOTAL COMMISSION		504,195.60
Total Attendance		194,012		Breaks to State	\$21,214.46	
Average Daily Attendance		7,462		Breaks to Association	19,058.54	
Average Daily Handle		\$129,280.00		TOTAL BREAKS		40,273.00
Both Meetings—50 Days				DISTRIBUTION OF POOLS		\$3,361,304.00
Total Handle		\$7,190,009.00				
Average Daily Attendance		9,297				
Average Daily Handle		\$143,800.00				



RECAPITULATION OF TOTAL POOLS, TICKETS SOLD, VALUE, AND STATE'S COMMISSION  
FISCAL YEAR, 1939

DAYS		TOTAL POOLS	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	STATE'S COMMISSION
<i>Running Horse Meeting:</i>								
60	Eastern Racing Assoc., Inc.	\$22,274,329.00	9,248	17,189	420,987	687,773	6,420,672	\$779,601.68
<i>Dog Racing Meetings:</i>								
45	Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	\$7,749,348.00			75,319	221,626	2,944,014	\$271,227.29
	Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.							
24	Summer Meeting	3,828,705.00			35,584	99,857	1,486,790	149,527.17
26	Fall Meeting	3,861,304.00			35,810	102,856	1,244,462	145,966.42
50	Total	\$7,190,009.00			71,394	202,713	2,731,252	\$295,493.59
55	Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	\$4,206,622.00				156,314	1,712,526	148,764.58
150	Total Dog Racing Meetings	\$19,145,979.00			146,713	580,653	7,387,792	\$715,485.46
<i>* Racing at Fairs:</i>								
6	Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	\$122,188.00			1,346	3,732	45,034	
6	Barrington Fair Association	101,300.00			1,513		43,085	
12	Total Racing at Fairs	\$223,488.00			2,859	3,732	88,119	
RECAPITULATION								
60	Running Horse Meeting	\$22,274,329.00	9,248	17,189	420,987	687,773	6,420,672	\$779,601.68
150	Dog Racing Meetings	19,145,979.00			146,713	580,653	7,387,792	715,485.46
12	Racing at Fairs	223,488.00			2,859	3,732	88,119	
222	TOTALS	\$41,643,796.00	9,248	17,189	570,559	1,272,158	13,896,583	\$1,495,087.14

\*By Chapter 351 of the Acts of 1936, the Commonwealth shares only one-half of breaks at State and County Fairs.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES  
*Total Pari-Mutuel Handle*

Association	Days	1935 Amount	Days	1936 Amount	Days	1937 Amount	Days	1938 Amount	Days	1939 Amount
Eastern Racing Assoc., Inc.	44	\$15,694,972.00	53	\$21,500,600.00	54	\$20,863,024.00	57	\$22,215,606.00	60	\$22,274,329.00
Agawam Racing and Breeders Assoc., Inc.	25	3,269,562.00	37	4,538,597.00	36	4,719,357.00	33	4,960,611.00		
Eastern Horse Club, Inc.	4	64,259.00								
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	51	6,530,298.00	40	6,121,707.00	40	6,216,485.00	45	6,488,872.00	50	7,190,009.00
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	63	3,581,117.00	40	3,109,801.00	40	3,187,486.00	40	2,564,301.00	55	4,206,622.00
Crescent Kennel Club, Inc.	55	2,665,889.00	40	3,637,545.00	60	5,331,193.00	50	4,217,472.00		
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	31	2,680,768.00	40	6,096,979.00	40	6,612,054.00	45	6,708,409.00	45	7,749,348.00
Sportsmen's Park, Inc.			40	3,266,590.00	20	1,678,822.00	20	1,425,331.00		
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	4	18,813.00	4	52,203.00	6	80,742.00	6	106,367.00	6	122,188.00
The Barrington Fair Assoc.					6	89,690.00	6	94,462.00	6	101,300.00
Fitchburg Riding & Driving Club	1	4,622.00								
Northampton Horse Breeders & Drivers Assoc.	6	28,722.00								
Sturbridge Agric. & Hort. Society	6	40,398.00								
New England Grand Circuit Trotting Assoc., Inc.					6	137,332.00	10	210,434.00		
Totals	290	\$34,579,420.00	294	\$48,319,022.00	308	\$48,916,185.00	312	\$48,991,865.00	222	\$41,643,796.00

*Total Attendance*

Association	Days	1935 Amount	Days	1936 Amount	Days	1937 Amount	Days	1938 Amount	Days	1939 Amount
Eastern Racing Assoc., Inc.	44	673,200	53	788,497	54	721,804	57	881,244	60	828,019
Agawam Racing and Breeders Assoc., Inc.	25	185,420	37	209,695						
Eastern Horse Club, Inc.	4	18,347			36	196,741	33	222,480		
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	51	434,766	40	407,325	40	422,445	45	437,493	50	464,875
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	63	333,355	40	219,492	40	239,796	40	230,212	55	312,513
Crescent Kennel Club, Inc.	55	286,139	40	290,455	60	425,018	50	371,955		
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	31	198,411	40	394,071	40	455,121	45	514,110	45	558,190
Sportsmen's Park, Inc.			40	217,147	20	129,242	20	126,717		
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	4	5,000	4	16,058	6	21,916	6	25,704	6	24,706
The Barrington Fair Assoc.					6	22,718	6	18,896	6	24,974
Fitchburg Riding & Driving Club	1	1,307								
Northampton Horse Breeders & Drivers Assoc.	6	2,467								
Sturbridge Agric. & Hort. Society	6	2,391								
New England Grand Circuit Trotting Assoc., Inc.					6	9,267	10	13,577		
Totals	290	2,140,803	294	2,642,740	308	2,644,068	312	2,810,288	222	2,212,927



*Average Daily Pari-Mutuel Handle*

Association	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Eastern Racing Association, Inc.	\$333,976.00	\$405,671.00	\$386,352.00	\$389,747.00	\$371,238.00
Agawam Racing & Breeders' Assoc., Inc.	130,782.00	122,529.00	131,093.00	150,321.00	
Eastern Horse Club, Inc.	16,065.00				
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	128,045.00	153,042.00	155,412.00	144,197.00	143,800.00
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	56,842.00	77,745.00	79,687.00	64,107.00	76,484.00
Crescent Kennel Club, Inc.	48,471.00	90,938.00	88,853.00	84,349.00	
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	86,476.00	152,424.00	165,301.00	149,075.00	172,207.00
Sportsmen's Park, Inc.		81,664.00	83,941.00	71,266.00	
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	4,703.00	13,050.00	13,457.00	17,727.00	20,364.00
The Barrington Fair Association			14,948.00	15,743.00	16,883.00
Fitchburg Riding and Driving Club	4,622.00				
Northampton Horse Breeders' & Drivers' Assoc.	4,787.00				
Sturbridge Agric. & Hort. Society	6,733.00				
New England Grand Circuit Trotting Assoc., Inc.			22,888.00	21,043.00	

*Average Daily Attendance*

Association	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Eastern Racing Association, Inc.	15,300	14,877	13,366	15,460	13,800
Agawam Racing and Breeders' Assoc., Inc.	7,416	5,667	5,465	6,741	
Eastern Horse Club, Inc.	4,587				
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	8,525	10,183	10,561	9,722	9,297
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	5,291	5,487	5,994	5,755	5,682
Crescent Kennel Club, Inc.	5,203	7,261	7,083	7,439	
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	6,400	9,851	11,378	11,424	12,404
Sportsmen's Park, Inc.		5,428	6,462	6,335	
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	1,250	4,014	3,652	4,284	4,117
The Barrington Fair Association			3,786	3,149	4,162
Fitchburg Riding and Driving Club	1,307				
Northampton Horse Breeders' & Drivers' Assoc.	411				
Sturbridge Agric. & Hort. Society	398				
New England Grand Circuit Trotting Assoc., Inc.			1,544	1,357	

## TOTAL RECEIPTS PAID TO COMMISSION BY ALL LICENSEES

Association	Days	1935 Amount	Days	1936 Amount	Days	1937 Amount	Days	1938 Amount	Days	1939 Amount
<i>Running Horse Racing Meetings</i>										
Eastern Racing Assoc., Inc.	44	\$730,630.73	53	\$978,379.92	54	\$908,725.86	57	\$974,773.82	60	\$979,572.70
Agawam Racing & Breeders Assoc., Inc.	25	170,481.91	37	238,595.50	36	220,218.83	33	229,776.09		
Eastern Horse Club, Inc.	4	4,076.18								
<b>TOTAL RUNNING HORSE</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>\$905,188.82</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$1,216,975.42</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$1,128,944.69</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$1,204,549.91</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$979,572.70</b>
<i>Dog Racing Meetings</i>										
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	51	\$290,278.28	40	\$262,147.20	40	\$267,020.29	45	\$280,481.27	50	\$348,798.51
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	63	168,046.84	40	139,566.11	40	142,881.91	40	116,623.36	55	190,220.42
Crescent Kennel Club, Inc.	55	125,595.46	40	161,486.25	60	239,064.67	50	186,505.95		
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	31	120,236.15	40	264,325.39	40	282,948.08	45	290,673.73	45	334,566.56
Sportsmen's Park, Inc.			40	145,536.45	20	75,735.67	20	63,937.32		
<b>TOTAL DOG RACING</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$704,156.73</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$973,061.40</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$1,007,650.62</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>\$938,221.63</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>\$873,585.49</b>
<i>Racing at Fairs</i>										
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society	4	1,038.22	4	603.63	6	919.51	6	1,058.69	6	1,280.53
Barrington Fair Assoc.					6	972.77	6	1,016.65	6	1,108.82
<b>TOTAL RACING AT FAIRS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$1,038.22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$603.63</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$1,892.28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$2,075.34</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$2,389.35</b>
<i>Harness Horse Racing Meetings</i>										
Fitchburg Riding & Driving Club	1	306.27								
Northampton Horse Breeders & Drivers Asso.	6	1,894.33								
Sturbridge Agric. & Hort. Society	6	2,401.02								
N. E. Grand Circuit Trott. Assoc.					6	6,680.12	10	9,829.89		
<b>TOTAL HARNESS HORSE RACING</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$4,601.62</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>\$6,680.12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$9,829.89</b>		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>\$1,614,985.39</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>\$2,190,640.45</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>\$2,145,167.71</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>\$2,154,676.77</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>\$1,855,547.54</b>



FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
RECEIPTS  
DECEMBER 1ST, 1938 TO NOVEMBER 30TH, 1939

	Commission	Breaks	Assoc. Lic. Fee	Registrations and Licenses	Mutuel Under- Payments	For- feitures	State's Total
Eastern Racing Assoc., Inc.	\$779,601.68	\$171,078.02	\$24,000.00	\$4,213.00		\$680.00	\$979,572.70
Bay State Greyhound Assoc., Inc.	271,227.29	53,614.27	9,000.00	675.00		50.00	334,566.56
Old Harbor Kennel Club, Inc.	295,493.59	43,227.92	10,000.00	65.00	12.00		348,798.51
Bristol County Kennel Club, Inc.	148,764.58	30,105.34	11,000.00	330.00	20.50		190,220.42
Marshfield Agric. & Hort. Society		1,035.53	60.00	175.00		10.00	1,280.53
Barrington Fair Association		911.82	60.00	132.00		5.00	1,108.82
TOTALS	\$1,495,087.14	\$299,972.90	\$54,120.00	\$5,590.00	\$32.50	\$745.00	\$1,855,547.54

## EXPENDITURES

	<i>Expense</i>	<i>Appropriations</i>
<i>Appropriations for 1939</i>		
Personal Services		\$100,476.00
Expenses		11,925.01
<i>Expenditures</i>		
Personal Services		
Commissioners' Salaries	\$12,817.10	
Office Employees' Salaries	18,877.04	
Personnel at Tracks Salaries	45,443.00	
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	\$77,137.14	
Expenses		
Supplies	414.80	
Equipment	109.54	
Traveling Expense	1,539.66	
Expressage	40.98	
Postage	175.91	
Printing	814.14	
Telephone & Telegraph	424.41	
Rent	2,149.76	
Public Stenographer	1,349.30	
Saliva Tests	2,610.50	
Membership Dues	200.00	
Equipment Repairs	41.80	
Advertising Public Hearings	77.91	
Light & Power	197.57	
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	\$87,283.42	
UNEXPENDED BALANCE OF 1939 APPROPRIATION	25,117.59	
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	\$112,401.01	\$112,401.01

Receipts deposited with State Treasurer	\$1,855,547.54
Expenses, December 1st, 1938 to November 30th, 1939	87,283.42
NET RECEIPTS	<hr/> \$1,768,264.12

Financial Statement Verified  
Approved

GEO. E. MURPHY,  
*Comptroller.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF STATE RACING COMMISSION FUND

Section 2 of Chapter 436 of the Acts of 1936 amended Chapter 374 of the Acts of 1934 as follows: "The receipts paid into the state treasury under this chapter, after deducting therefrom the amount of expenses incurred by the commission in carrying out the provisions of this chapter, shall be used so far as necessary for reimbursing cities and towns for assistance given by them to aged citizens, under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen A, in the manner provided by section eight of said chapter."

Respectfully submitted,

## STATE RACING COMMISSION

CHARLES F. CONNORS, *Chairman*,  
HAROLD R. ALLEN, *Commissioner*,  
HAROLD W. PIERCE, *Commissioner*.



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